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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime,  
CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of U.S. Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), Brad Stein, Director of External Affairs, and I made separate *ex parte* presentations to the FCC staff listed below on February 2-3 regarding the FCC's consideration of a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on intercarrier compensation reform and the related Petition for Declaratory Ruling on wireless termination tariffs filed by T-Mobile, Nextel, and Western Wireless. We distributed the attached U.S. Cellular white paper on intercarrier compensation, previously filed in this proceeding, and discussed points raised therein. In addition, Mr. Stein urged the FCC to act quickly on the pending wireless termination tariff issues, noting the large amount of resources that U.S. Cellular has expended in recent months related to such disputes with individual rural LECs in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma.

On February 2, we met with: (1) Jennifer Manner, legal advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; (2) Sheryl Wilkerson, legal advisor to Chairman Powell; (3) Jessica Rosenworcel, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps; and (4) Barry Ohlson and Scott Bergmann, legal advisors to Commissioner Adelstein. On February 3, we also met with: (1) Jeffrey Carlisle, Wireline Competition Bureau Chief and WCB staff Jane Jackson, Tamara Preiss, Steve Morris, Victoria Goldberg, and Jeremy Marcus; and (2) Dan Gonzalez, legal advisor to Commissioner Martin.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice as well as the materials distributed at the meetings are begin filed through ECFS. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Michele C. Farquhar*

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Enclosures

cc: FCC personnel listed above